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Knik, Cooks Inlet, Via Sunrise, Alaska.

Oct. 15th, 1901.

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable to your request I will send you a report of the seeds I planted last spring. These were the seeds you sent me a year ago. The seeds you sent me last spring were received too late for planting, so I did not try the wheat, oats, or cloverseed.

The seed you sent me a year ago reached Tyonek too late to be forwarded by boat, and I had to send a native after them overland (about one hundred miles or more). I have about one-sixth of an acre under cultivation and have not used any fertilizer, of course, the work has all been done by hand. I spaded the ground May 14yh and 15th, May 18th and 19th, I planted potatoes, rutabagas, onions, turnips, parsnips, radishes, lettuce, beets, carrots, asparagus, peas and mustard, of these all except the potatoes were in narrow beds. On May the 30th I transplanted cabbage, Cauliflower, and planted some cucumbers and beans .

Cucumber, beans, mustard, asparagus, and onions were a failure because of dry weather. Radishes were destroyed by a white worm, which goes into the root and lives there until it is eaten up.

Lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and kale were not a good crop on account of dry weather in the spring. No rain fell here until the 5th of July. I have to carry water a long way, so I do not water my plants at all.

The potatoes, turnips, parsnips and carrots yielded well I have thirty bushels of potatoes as fine as ever are raised any where. One turnip weighed seventeen and one fourth pounds.

I have more than sufficient of all kinds for the winter .

Of the seeds you sent me, I gave what I did not plant myself, to the natives here, and some of them raised some very good gardens, for the first working of the ground. I will give the grains a trial next year.

Clover and timothy, I know will grow here, as it has come up where Captain Glenn had his hay piled , when he wintered his stock here, and is still growing, which proves that it does not kill out in the winter.

Should you send me some more seeds, I will do the best I can with them. It will be a material help to the natives here, to get them to raising gardens, as game seems to be getting scarcer every year, and unless the Geverment gives themsome assistance, they will, before long, have a hard time to live.

Thanking you for your past favors, I remain,

Yours truly,

G.W.Palmer.

Prof. C.C.Georgesen,

Sitka, Alaska.

Not necessary to return this.

APR 30 1913

NOTICE OF LOCATION OF MISSION SITE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, on behalf of the Prysbyterian Church in U.S.A., hereby claims and has located the following described tract or parcel of land:

Commencing at Post No.1, where this notice is posted, thence Northeast 2640 feet to Post No.2, thence Northwest 1320 feet to Post No.3, thence Southwest 2640 feet to Post No.4, thence Southeast 1320 feet to Place of beginning.

Located on Westerly shore of Knik Arm about one half mile from Goose Bay and comprises 80 acres.

Said location is made for Mission purposes.

Located this 25th day of March 1913.

Witnesses:

Walter E.Howard.

T. E. Howard

TERRITORY OF ALASKA,
KNIK PRECINT
And Recording District } SS

The within instrument was filed for record at 2 o'clock P. M., March 26 1913 at the request of J. P. Howard

and duly recorded in Book 3 of Records at page 135 of the records of said District.

[signature]
District Recorder,
Knik, Alaska

From letter of the Rev. T. P. Howard, to Dr. Thompson.
Dated Knik, Alaska. March 31, 1913.
Received April 30, 1913.

"When making a canvass for funds for a church building last Fall, I was advised to go slow in the expenditure of money on buildings in Knik. The warning came from Dr. David the U. S. Commissioner for this district. The reasons given are that the coming of R.R. will require a more advantageous position for the future city of this region than Knik has - it must be in deep water, and Knik is five miles away. Goose Bay is the logical site of the future city. So I have been waiting and watching. Quite recently I learned from the same friendly source that a commercial site had been located on Goose Bay by one of the most prominent mine owners of the Willow Creek district. He is also a member of the present Territorial Legislature with a view to developing it into the site of the future city. Judging this man by the record of his past achievements in Alaska, and believing in the policy in our Board to show its faith by its works, I concluded it would not be a bad idea to hitch to his corner post. So I got a dog team, took a witness, and snowshoes, and made the enclosed location, which involves nothing if you do not approve, but meahs a great deal for the future of our work in this whole region if you do. The land is the very best, and can be put into a state of cultivation gradually at little expense, but when in cultivation will go far toward making any philanthropic work you decide to project self-supporting. The site has a frontage on deep water of 2640 feet which will make it valuable if the wise are correct in their vision of the future city. I will establish a residence there the first of May so as to insure it for patent to the Board, which can be obtained on application at any time, so I am informed.

The nearest Mission to this point is at Kodiak Island 300 hundred miles to the S.W., under the care of the Baptist Church. It has a capasity for maintaining 60, and is now over taxed. The pupils are maintained at the Mission, and educated at a school supported by the government. The plan works well, and would be successful here.

In discusing the welfare of the natives with the government teachers, both at Susitna, and Tyonok they assured me that it was impossible to do anything worth while for the natives as long as they are surronded by the wretched influence of their home life, and their only hope is in seperation from the home.

You will pardon a suggestion in case of a favorable consideration of the proposition "The White Cross Mission" would be an appropriate name for several reasons which I need not name."

May 8th, 1913.

Rev. T. P. Howard,

Knik, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Howard:-

Dr. Thompson has passed to this office the extract from your letter relative to the location of the 80 acres of land upon the shore front at Goose Bay, with the prospect that this will be a more advantageous location for a future city than Knik, and that therefore our work will lie over.

In talking this matter over in conference this morning, the question was raised as to whether we were justified in making application for a patent to so large a tract of land. As a Board, we cannot, of course, enter upon a speculation in land, and all that it would seem to be necessary for us to acquire in any location, would be sufficient for the building of our Manse and Chapel with any necessary out buildings, and the addition of so much acreage as would provide garden and pasturage room.

Before giving a definite decision upon this matter, or taking any further steps that are already taken, would you kindly give me your thought as to this matter so that we may proceed intelligently with the application for so much of this property as seems wise and fitting.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

REV. D. STUART DODGE, D. D., PRESIDENT
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MR. HARVEY C. OLIN, TREASURER

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

C. L. THOMPSON,
PACIFIC COAST DISTRICT.
W. S. HOLT, D.D.,
Field Secretary,
PORTLAND, OREGON
REV. T. P. HOWARD,
MISSIONARY

Mr. Harvey C. Olin

Knik, Alaska, June 20-1913

My dear Mr. Olin:-

In reference to your inquiry about the land on Goose Bay would say, I had in mind as the letter to Dr. Thompson would show that it was within the province of our Board to take up some philentropic work for the natives in this region, for it is very much needed, but this I believe is the work of the Women Board. If that be so, and all we need in case tha city be located on Goose Bay is land for Church and Manse we will have no difficulty in securing all that is needed from the Townsight Co.. My filings however hold good for one year, and as they were made in the name of the Church I see no reason why the Womans Board may not acquire title to the land in case the developements warrent it.

I am enclosing vouchers for April, May, and June (blanks just at hand). You have I presume already sent checks for same to mrs. Howard at Vancouver Wash. Mrs. Howard is now on her way out here and will remain on the field with me, so if you will kindly make out checks in future to Ladd and Tilton bankers Portland Ore. they will be placed to her account. I am sorry to put you to the trouble of this change but I see no help for it since we have no banking facitilies in this neck of woods. Also please find enclosed expense account for March, April, and May.

Thanking you very cordially for your many favours

I am sincerely yours

T. P. Howard

July 30, 1913.

Rev. T. P. Howard,

Knik, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Howard:-

Your letter dated June 20th with special reference to the matter of the land upon which you have filed at Goose Bay should have had answer previously, but the officers of the Board have been somewhat scattered, and we have not been able, therefore, to take the question up.

After a talk with Dr. Thompson yesterday we are of the opinion that as the filing has been made, and holds good for a year, that it may as well stand, as the future may develop in such a way as to justify us in holding this property.

I should advise that your "notice of location" should be amended to read "in behalf of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", thus making the matter perfectly clear that it is filed upon account of this corporation. Whether any work which might be undertaken there might be done by the Woman's Board is immaterial, the Woman's Board simply being a part of the incorporated body known as the Board of Home Missions.

Will you kindly keep us posted as developments go on - if there are any developments - and give us your advice as to the advisability of any possible moves to this land.

Very sincerely yours,

O/M

Treasurer.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. OLIN.

From September report of Mr. Howard, received November 26, 1912.

"Stimulated by the gift of a very valuable lot on Main St. in the heart of town, we are now gathering the material for a house of worship, and in order to render efficiency; we will have reading room, and other social equipment. Our occupying this lot shuts out the saloon from the most desirable position in Knik, by reason of the 400 feet limit prescribed by law."

From report-letter of Mr. Howard to Dr. Thompson, dated March 31, 1913.
Received April 30, 1913.

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From letter of Dr. Thompson to Mr. Howard in reply to the above.
Dated May 9, 1913.

"Your proposition regarding the acquiring of the property concerning which you write has been considered and Mr. Olin is writing you. The outlook regarding it with its probable advantages seems somewhat alluring, and yet whether so large a property would be best for us to hold as a mission Board seems less clear."

March 6th, 1914.

Mr. T. P. Howard,

Knik, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Howard:-

Referring to the matter of a building for native work at Knik for which our Board made a grant at its meeting on the 13th of February, I beg to ask, in order that we may be able to properly bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Church Erection Fund, from which Board we expect to secure one-half the grant of $1,500. for the erection of this building, that you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with a legal description of the property upon which this building is to stand. If only a part of the property is to be set apart for the building, will you, in connection with the sketch and survey of the whole lot, give us, by metes and bounds, a description of the part which is to be assigned for the building for native work.

If we may hear from you as to this matter at a very early date, we can push matters along toward the building.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Seward,Alaska,April 12,1914.

Rev.T.P.Howard,

Knik,Alaska.

My dear Mr.Howard:

Your letter of March 31st reached me on the Dora,and I could have sent you the salve you requested and also this letter on her had I only known that she was to make Ship Creek this trip,but discovered that she was going to call there too late to send anything.

I am glad to hear that you are so successful in dealing with the natives both medically and otherwise,and hope that I can be of further service to you in your efforts in their behalf.

It is indeed good news that you have secured a school building for the natives and I sincerely hope that I will be able to furnish the teacher.

It is possible that our Bureau would wish to pay you a reasonable rental for the building and if so I dont want you to hesitate in accepting it;it is merely a business policy of "paying our way" that seems to have been adopted by the present regime of this Bureau.

I will put it up to them that your building can be rented at our figure and that we can go ahead and equip it as we do other buildings that we rent.

When do you expect the building to be finished,will it be ready by Sept.1st?

If you do not think well of the plan of renting as sugges-

ted above please let me know by return mail. I might state further that one reason for suggesting such an arrangement is that it would probably be more easy to deal with certain local parties if we abe absolutely independent of the church which such an arrangement would make us.

If you wish to hold religious services for the natives in the building that could be understood and arranged satisfactorily;in fact if we built the school house I am quite certain that you would have that priviledge.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail,and with kindest regards to Mrs.Howard and the boy and also yourself,I am,

Very truly yours,

W. O. Schalebaum.

Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, D. D., President
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Missionary

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Rev. S. Hall Young D.D.
New York

Knik, Alaska, April 18-1914

My dear Dr. Young:-

When I last wrote you I was so unwell as not to be able to write you all I had in my heart to tell you so here goes for the supplement.

The question of the native work naturally takes much of my time and thought at present, and it is about this I want to write you. In reading my report to Dr Thompson you would get the faint outline of what we are doing for the natives. The mission site of 5 acres I wrote you about is in the midst of the new settlement they are forming on the south side of the lake. It is beautiful for situation, and will make an idealmission site.

I have given much thought to the native workoften taking it to bed with me, and finding it awaiting my waking thoughts. The result is I am forced to the conclusion that if there is to be anything worth while done for them it must be accompanied with some form of manual training for the boys and domestic science for the girls. Hence my plans to wit-Bacement of building 24 x 48-9 feet ceiling, to be used for work-shop. They may be taught to make simple furniture for their own homes, and as they become proficient, they can make such simple articles as will find a ready sale to outsiders. For this work we have an abundence of material in our beautiful birch forests that can be had without cost . On the main floor we can have school-room which we hope to have equipped by the government, and a room for domestic science which we must equip ourselves. All this when complete will mean the out lay of considerable money. It will not be necessary however to wait for a full equipage in order to commence operations.

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As soon as out bacement is ready we will set the boys and young men to work with such tools as we have, and grage together here, and let the work grow to completement.

Knik, Alaska,

In undertaking this work I have a confidence in its success that grows out of the fact I myself served 5 years of an apprenticeship in my youth to cabnet making, and I know something of the possibilities of the boy along these lines.

As to the domestic science, God has blessed me with a wife who is a thorough old fashoned house keeper. She is fully alive to the situation (which to her at first was a tragiay) and is ready to take hold with both hands, and a whole heart for its uplift.

We are expecting our daughter Catherine in about the first of June. She is a great help to me with the music for the natives. We have many who are willing to play for the white peoples service but none for the native, so with her help that difficulty will be overcome. I think she intends to stay out of school a year.

Now I am going to note some of the things we will need for the full equipment of our plant.

A small steam engine-Steam prefered for the reason we have an abundence of fuel. Circular saw for hard wood. Planer. Mortiser. and sufficient hand tools to keep 15 or 20 men and boys at work, and a lathe.

It will be some time before we can run fully equipped if we do not find a great heart with the means at his disposal to set the machienry whirling. The Master knows where he is and in his own good time will send him to us. In the mean time we will keep pegging away in a small way, and doing the best we can with the tools at our hand.

For our domestic science room we will need - Range and cooking utensilis- Laundry equipment-Sewing machine &c..

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Knik, Alaska,

You have been inviting me to make my wants known so I have jotted down a few of them, and I have done it with a confidence born of the belief that you will get them for us (God willing).

There is a matter of minor importance which I would like you to bear in mind as opportunity affords, that is the aweful physical condition of the poor native. We are using a great quantity of salves, antiseptics, bandages &C., many of which has been furnished us by Dr's Romig, and Schaleben, but the demand is constant, and the supply must eaquel it. There are many who could give the widdows mite thro the "Parcelpost", in the way of a few bandages, or a roll of cotten, or even a worn out sheet or pillow case, if they were connected up. Small matters to be sure, but O. the relief to the poor sufferer. I am going to send you some pictures of these sufferers, when I have them finished that have been a great revelation to me, and will I think be in some measure to you.

I have seccured the "Summet dog team", and will send you the picture as soon as possible. When you see it you will be able to recognize the harness of your "Sweet pea team". I am very sorry that I could not have seccured the dogs also.

The enclosed letter from Dr. Schaleben, just received will speak for itself. Will you kindly return it to me.

As chairman of the H.M.Com. you will no doubt see to the renewing of my commission for the current year.

Write me whenever you can your letters always bring me inspiration, and sometimes I need it pretty badly.

Mrs Howard joins me in best wishes for your continued good health and happiness.

Sincerely yours

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Enclosed find a picture of Mrs Howard out with her medicine case. The outer garment a bath robe, has been replaced by a beautiful coonskin coat thanks to Dr. Young.

Cordially Yours

T. A. Howard

May 18th, 1914.

In re Knik Chapel Building/

Rev. David C. Wylie, D.D., Ph.D., Sec'y.,

Board of Church Erection,

Building.

Dear Dr. Wylie:-

Herewith find application of this Board for a grant of $750.00 towards erecting the chapel building at Knik, Alaska. The Board of Home Missions has made a grant for a like sum.

We have the possessory title only to the land on which this building is to be erected, the description of which is as follows:-

> "Beginning at a point the East corner
> "of the campus of the Knik Public School
> "and running South 1100 feet, thence West
> "990 feet, thence North 1100 feet, thence
> "East to the point of beginning 990 feet,
> "being five acres more or less."

As we have no further information in hand, nor can we obtain anything more definite than the foregoing, I am unable to fill out the form "Diagram of Lot Conveyed" unless it will be satisfactory to have the above information incorporated on that form, in which event, I will be glad to do the best I can.

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

B/H

(Enclosure)

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The Board of Home Missions
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Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Knik, Alaska May 22, 1914.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

New York.

Dear Mr. Olin,

Your favor of the first is at hand and in reply to question alt it purchase price given for stable and squatters right in order to obtain site for native building would say. The site was purchased immediately after Dr. Thompsons announcement to me that the Board had appropriated $1500. for native work Building.

On the supposition that that amount would come in due time, I advanced the $105. for the site. I further wrote to Rev. George. A. Blair of San Francisco asking him to purchase and forward to Knik, the material necessary for the building, giving him authority to draw on my account with the bank in Portland, Ore. for the sum required.

It will require careful planning to keep within the bounds of the appropriation for the reason that labor is high, the unskilled 50¢ an hour, and the freight on the materiel in some instances amounting to one and a half times more than the original cost.

Another item of expense not anticipated at present is a fence for the whole five acres, this has become necessary from the large influx of settlers who are literally swarming around Knik. Our location being within the town limits they naturally seek to squat on so desirable a location, and we have had considerable trouble to keep them off.

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Knik, Alaska

Any extra expense incurred however I hope to be able to meet in due time from the rent we are to receive from the Government for the use of the building, which is to be used for native school. The Government will equip the school-room, furnish the teacher, and pay us a nominal sum for rent.

As soon as possible I will have an accurate survey of the five acres made, and forwarded to you so your office may make application for the grant or if you so desire me, as it is to be made through the land office at Juneau I will attend to it.

Very cordially yours,

T. P. Howard

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July 14th, 1914.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MR. OLIN CONCERNING THE KNIK BUILDINGS, ALASKA.

The matter of tools and equipment for the extensive plant for which Mr. Howard asks, the steam engine, Saw, Palner, Range, laundry equipment, etc., should be held in abeyance until the Board decides whether it is ready to open up and run a fully equiped native mission at Knik. If this is done there should be a man commissioned solely to that work, and our missionaries to the Whites left free from the responsibility about the native work. I have hopes that this will be done in time, but it cannot be done in a hurry. If the Government appropriates the $125,000 asked for by the Bureau of Education for medical work among the natives, that will relieve us of the expense for the medical part of the work.

At present I would recommend simply that the money to be appropriated for the combined school and church building to be sent as soon as practicable to Mr. Howard. Action on the further expenditures he asks for could be deferred until we know what the Government is going to do. Also until we get Goudrit's report and the recommendations of the Presbytery of Yukon.

S. Hall Young.

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In re Knik, Alaska.

July 17th, 1914.

Rev. T. P. Howard,

Knik, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Howard:-

Through the complications which have arisen, owing to the absence of the officers at the General Assembly and the reorganization of matters which have had to be attended to since the meeting of the Assembly, some things have been neglected which ought to have been attended to more promptly, among them your letter of May 22nd asking for the forwarding of funds for the building.

I am now able to say that the Board of Home Missions, and the Board of Church Erection have each made a grant of $750. for this construction, and the money will be forwarded immediately to your account with Ladd & Tiltonat Portland.

It will be noted, however, that in making this grant the Board of Church Erection, as is usual, has deducted the amount chargeable for a five year insurance policy on the building, namely, $18.00. We are therefore only able to remit $1,482.00.

Intthis connection let me hand you herewith a Church Survey blank, which the Board of Church Erection requires shall be filled out and returned in connection with all loans which they make upon buildings. If you will fill in the necessary answers, where possible, and return the blank here it will be signed by this Board, as this Board, in its own name, has made application for the grant to the Board of Church Erection.

In this connection let me ask as to just what is the indication with regard to the lease of the building when completed, to the Government? Do we not understand that it is to be used for your work, that is, for Church services, and for such other work, in connection with your field, as may be necessary and as is usual with Church buildings? Let us know all about this, if you please.

No doubt the fence about the property is necessary, and as you have said,it will be possible to meet this in time from the rent received from the Government.

Referring now to your letter to Dr. Young dated April 18th: He tells me that he has written you that it would be advisable to defer until first we know specifically what the Government is going to do; and, second,

until we get a report from Dr. Condit, who is in your part of the country just now, and no doubt will visit you this summer. Dr. Young suggests that the various items of machinery and equipment should be held in abeyance until the Board decides whether it is ready to open up a run a fully equipped native mission at Knik.

Let me say that I think it would be very wise to be conservative in the matter of furnishing the natives with medicine. Unless one has some knowledge of medicine, it is a little dangerous to handle it indiscriminately, but no doubt your own judgment and wisdom will dictate in this respect.

No doubt Dr. Young will have written you further with regard to the other items alluded to in his letter.

Wishing you all joy in the service and in the developments which are going on under your hand, believe me,

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

P.S.— You will of course see that the cost of the building comes within the appropriation, and that we get a staunch and properly built structure for the money. Please keep careful account of the expenditures, taking vouchers for all material and labor and sending them here with a detailed statement of the cost of the building after the work is completed.

REV. D. STUART DODGE, D. D., PRESIDENT
REV. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, D. D., SECRETARY
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ALASKA MISSIONS
REV. T. P. HOWARD AND MRS. T. P. HOWARD
MISSIONARIES
TO COOK'S INLET AND VICINITY

The Board of Home Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Knik, Alaska Sept.16th.1915.

Rev.JohnDixon D.D.

156-5th.Ave.,New York.

Dear Dr.Dixon:-

This report has been held back so as to have the mind of the Presbytery on certain matters conserning this Mission before submitting them to you.

In order to make this matter clear to you I must go back to the time I was commissioned to this field, a little over three years ago.

In the letter of instructions from Dr.Thompson dated Sept.13th.1912 sent to me for my guidance he wrote,"you must largely be your own guide".

In my contact with the people both white and native I have met complications in the solving of which I would gladly have welcomed the advice of the Board or some one authorized to act for the Board but in the absence of such authority or the difficulty in making connections, I have followed my own judgement with results alas that have worked out to my own financial detriment,and it is to these results that I wish to call your attention in this report.

Soon after my advent to this field I was told by a committee appointed for the purpose that there must be a seperation of the whites and natives, that they could not worship together. While it grieved me to see the lack of Christian spirit that prompted the demand I had no alternate but comply.

The difficulties that crippled my efforts to secure a permanent place for the native worship is a matter of record in my reports to the Board.

As a result of my presentation of these difficulties, the joint Boards of Home Missions and Church Erection made an appropration of Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500) for a chapple for native work.

It occured to me that it would be a pity to have a building costing so much money used only occasionaly for worship when the natives were without a school ostensibly for the reason that the Government had no funds for building equipment, so I offered the use of the proposed building to the Government.

The Government agent ~~then~~ in this district thought well of my proposition and assured me that he would do all in his power to secure a teacher for the school, and I am sure he did but the lack of funds prevented it.

The difficulty I had in securing material with which to construct the building is also a matter of record in my reports to the Board, how when purchased in San Francisco on the assurance of a local merchant that his schooner would bring them here at reasonable rates and his captain refused to bring them and they had to be sold, and repurchased in Seattle and how they went down on the ill-fated Sampson.

In the meantime I was improving the twenty-five acres secured for a Mission site(and let me insert here that Mr.Moore the agent of the land office advised taking the whole forty acres which I think it would be well to do for the land grows more valuable here as the country is being settled) by clearing and fencing.

But now arose a new problem . The room the white people were using as a place of worship is owned by the School Board and because of increase of population it became necessary for them to use the room for schoolpurposes and we were notified to provide another place.This was a blow to the whole community for the hall had been used for social as well as religeous purposes.

Since we had got along so well in the so called Social Hall it was proposed that a stock company be formed and I was asked to take stock for our work.

The plan for the paying for the building appealed to me

and I saw where if we owned a majority of stock we could control the uses to which the building would be put, and we could have the exclu exclusive use of it on the Sabbath that is the hall part of it.

Our holding the majority of the stock did not meet with unanimous approval for reasons rife in all mining camps in Alaska and we were obliged to abandon the idea of the stock company.

During the discussion of the stock company project I had studded out the whole plan and on its failure to materialize I concluded if the project could be carried out it would give us a plant that I most sincerely desired for our work, for I could see how the whole works could be payed for without involving the Board in further expense.

I canvassed the situation carefully with our best people and had their unanimous approval together with the assurance that two stores, hospital, and social hall would be occupied at a rental of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars ($125) a month or Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500) a year beside leaving us ample room for our own work both white and native..

I was promised liberal financial support and felt impelled to go ahead with the project feeling that I would have accomplished a unique thing in presenting to the Board of Home Missions a self supporting plant all payed for in three or four years.

In common with many others here who saw a future for Knik (for we are like the man from Alaska , who after viewing the city of Washington, and being asked what he thought of it ventured the remark "I think it will make a permanent camp.") So we thought Knik would make a permanent camp.

But now comes along the Government railroad project and establishes a terminal seventeen miles away with the result that over half the population of Knik pulls off to the new camp, and we are left in a demoralized condition for the present at least.

What the future has for us is problematic. There are those who profess to see a coming back of many who have deserted us. But the fact remains that we have a building that cost approximately Five Thousand Dollars ($5000).(I am appending to this report a list of expenditures and donations.)

There is but a small indebtedness against the building and the obligations are held by the man who contracted to superintend

the work and is being paid in momthly instalments by me, and my own sons amounting to about Six Hundred Dollars ($600), all the rest has been settled by myself out of my own savings and money borrowed on my Life Insurance.

There has been an income from rents up to date of about Six Hundred Dollars ($600). This months income from rent will be forty-five dollars ($45). Next months rent may increase or deminish I cannot tell for sure because the doctor who conducts the hospital may move to the new camp, it is not certain yet. In any event the Board id under no obligation other than the help it sees fit to extend to a servant who in his zeal to further the interests of the master who employs him has got in a tight place.

I have with some difficulty reached some parts of my large field since my return from the hospital. The hearty welcome tendered me gave me great pleasure and assures me that my labors are not in vain.

You will no doubt have learned through Br. Condit of my success in securing valuable lots for our work at Anchorage. There is I believe a bright future for our work there, and I think we have the right man in Mr.McBride for the place.

Respectfully submitted,

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Knik, Alaska Sept.18th.1915.

Mr.Harvey C.Olin

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr.Olin:-

I am enclosing a copy of my report to Dr.Dixon on the financial situation here. You will no doubt get the original but lest you should not I am enclosing this copy for I know you are deeply interested in our work.

If there is anything in it that is not plain to you I shall be very glad to try and make it plain if you will point it out to me .

Since my return from the hospital at Portland Oregon I have had several attacks of orchitis and am just now suffering from one,so if I do not make myself plain in all points you will know the reason.

Sincerely yours,

T. P. Howard

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 18,1915.

Rev. John Dixon,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

I regret to report that in my recent visit to Knik I found a very unsatisfactory condition existing with respect to our mission there. It is with reluctance that I herewith set forth the facts, as I understand the situation.

History of the case:

At the meeting of the Yukon presbytery of 1913 it was ordered,upon recommendation of Dr Young who was at that time chairman of the committees of Home Missions and Church Erection, that application be made to the Boards of Church Erection and Home Missions for a grant of $1500, half to come from each Board, for the erection of a building for the native mission of Knik.

According to Mr.Howard, who has been in charge of this work since 1913, this money was granted and sent to him.

At the meeting of the presbytery held in 1914 Mr. Howard reported that he had located a tract of 26 acres of ground near the town of Knik as a mission site and had partially completed a building on the same to be used for a native school house. Also that he had hopes that the Bureau of Education would furnish a teacher for the native children,the school to be housed in the mission building.

But about this time the steamship Sampson was sunk, just out of Seattle,having on board the supplies for this school building and materials for finishing the same. This material was uninsured and a total loss.

Also about this time Mr Howard received word from the Bureau of Education that the Bureau would not be able to furnish a teacher for the school.

At the time of my visit to Knik in 1914 the church services were being held in a public building used for school and lodge and social purposes. Mr Howard had put the bell sent by Dr Young in front of this building and it is still there. But on account of the growth of the school of the town the church services were interfered with because of changes in the building which did away with the audience room. Mr Howard gives these reasons for building the structure now under consideration.

The first intimation I received of the erection of a building at Knik other than the school house for natives was in a communication from Mr Howard received in January,1915, and enclosing a copy of a letter to Dr Young,written December 28th,1914, in which the new community house is described. At the time of the writing of the letter the house was practically completed.

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Under date of April 6th,1915,I received a communication from Rev. R.J.Diven, of Sitka,enclosing a clipping from a Seattle paper giving an interview with T.R.Needham,editor of the Cook Inlet Pioneer,in which he refers to the "social hall" as follows:

> "The social center is a large frame building with a variety of enterprises housed in it. On the main street front are two store rooms,one occupied by a cigar and candy shop and the other to be used by Mr. Needham's newspaper. On the floor above is Dr. Spalding's hospital, and in the rear is a large hall,forty by seventy feet, which serves as church,theater, and dance hall. Rev. Mr. Howard decided not only to minister to the spiritual wants of his parish, but also to their social needs. So he built a church that has a theater and a good floor, and at the conclusion of a Sunday night service,Mr.Needham says, it is not unusual for the pastor to announce that "next Friday night the young people of Knik will give a dance to which all are cordially invited"

In this letter also Mr Diven referred to "the distressing tale of conditions surrounding the work of our minister there" brought to his attention by Mrs Hatcher,president of the Alaska W.C.T.U.,a former resident of Knik.

My attention was again called to the Knik situation by the reception of a letter from Mr. J.T.Harvey,of Seward, a carpenter whom Mr Howard engaged to put up the building in question, and who complained that he was not receiving his money according to agreement.

I communicated with Mr Howard immediately upon receipt of the two communications just referred to and received such explanations as he was able to make from the hospital in Portland,Oregon, where he had gone to submit to a very serious surgical operation, due to a physical condition which was aggravated,undoubtedly,by worry over his difficulties at Knik.

In donnection with our recent meeting of presbytery the whole situation was thoroughly discussed with Mr Howard in company with My. McBride and myself.

Prominent features of the situation:

1. The erection of the new building at Knik.

(1) Mr Howard justifies such building on the ground of the emergency arising by the facts of the failure of the native school project, and the farther fact that the public building which had been used for church purposes was no longer available.

(2) Mr. Howard was not authorized either by Board or Presbytery, to proceed with the building. It is probable that neither Board or Presbytery would have authorized the expenditure of Board money for a building of this character.

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(3) Mr Howard justifies his act in proceeding without authorization on the ground that when he was commissioned to the work in Alaska Dr Dixon gave him "carte-blanche" as to his administration of affairs at Knik.

(4) Mr Howard assumes all responsibility,moral and financial, for his action.

(5) He also asserts that it was his intention to turn the whole plant over to the Board,free of incumberance, upon its completion.

As to this there is a difference of opinion in the community.

He himself says that at first he attempted to organize a stock company for building a social hall. He failed in this when he insisted on owning and controlling more than 50% of the stock. This he claims he desired in order to be able to control the use of the building.

Afterwards he decided to build the house as a private enterprise and secured subscriptions on this basis. These subscription papers were headed as follows:

> "We the undersigned promise to pay the sum set opposite our names to T.P.Howard,Missionary,for the erection of a hall on Main St.,Knik,Alaska, to be used for religious and social purposes"

Only two subscriptions were obtained to this paper. By voluntary gifts,donation of lumber,etc.,a total of $495 was given,as by the statement enclosed,which was prepared by Mr Howard for the members of Presbytery.

The securing of subscriptions failed because of an impression that the enterprise was a private one.

I am sorry to say that it is not clear to my mind that Mr Howard intended to turn the building over to the Board, in case the enterprise had succeeded financially.

(6) Mr Howard has paid all bills in connection with the building with exceptions as follows:

1. Labor of J.T.Harvey,bal due,$156
2. " of Howard sons, approx.$400
3. Bal.due on lot,$300, secured by mortgage note given by Mr. Howard in his own name.

He asserts that he will pay all that is due as soon as he can get the money.

As illustrating Mr Howard's understanding of his relation to the Board I may say that he gave one mortgage note,since paid, in the name of the"Board of Home Missions,by T.P.Howard,agent." I have notified him that he had no authority to give such security or to act as the agent of the Bpard in any matters.

(7) The grant of the two Boards to the extent of $900 has been used in this building. The balance of $600 was used in the construction of the incompleted building intended for native use.

Mr Howard justifies this use on the ground that he built addition which was designed for native use solely and that he had raised for the native interests

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a balcony addition which was designed for native use ~~xxiny~~ and that he had thus provided for the natives,which was the purpose of the original grant.

The 26 acre plot on which the uncompleted building stands is held in the name of the Board of Home Missions,as I ascertained from the Recorder of the District. It has not been surveyed and stands on the records as a "location for mission purposes". The title,such as it is, will not be disturbed, and it is probable that something can be realized from the sale of the property,in case it is not used eventually for the benefit of the native mission.

The title to the Social Hall building, in which $900 of the grant was used, is in the name of Mr Howard.

(8) Because of the founding of the new town of Anchorage,18 miles from Knik, the latter has been practically depopulated. Most of the remaining population will move to Anchorage in the spring. The building of Mr Howard is practically valuless.

As by Mr Howard's statement,accompanying, he has expended $4995.13 on the property and has received from local sources $495 which with the $900 of Board money makes a total received of$1395. He has invested,therefore,of his own money,or stands liable for, a total of some $3600. Of this he has already paid out over $2500. In my judgement he stands to loose practically the entire amount.

Over against this is the fact that the building is still available for church purposes and will be used as such so long as a mission is sustained at this point. Also the mission tract of 26 acres with the partially finished building held in the name of the Board of Home Missions.

(9) The complainy of J.T.Harvey as to wages is purely a personal matter between Mr Howard and himself. Harvey recognizes this and declares that he looks to Howard for payment. He also says that he had supposed all along that he was working for the Board and claims that Mr Howard so represented to him. He will not trouble the Board farther.

(10) As to the complaint of Mrs. Hatcher not a great deal of weight can be attached because she had fallen out with Mr Howard on a personal matter. She is not well received by many with whom I have conversed.

(11) As to the clipping from the Seattle Post Intelligencer in which it is declared that Mr Howard announced dances from the platform in connection with other Sunday announcements, Mr Howard denies that he has done so. Mr Harvey declares that he has heard him so announce personally and not only so but also stating at the same time that he did not consider such recreation as harmful if properly controlled,etc. It is not denied that Mr Howard rented his hall for dances. Mr Harvey also states that the cigar store on the first floor was open on Sundays and that he had seen young men in the same playing cards at the same time that church services were in progress up stairs.

I have no other evidence as to this.

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Conclusions:

In my judgement the following conclusions are warranted;

(1) The present unfortunate condition of affairs at Knik have resulted because of error in judgement on the part of Mr.Howard.

He was at fault in proceeding to the erection of such a building before the permanency of Knik had been established.

Also, in assuming authority to institute a new plan,and proceeding,without authority from the Board and Presbytery.

In my opinion he made a mistake also in the character of the plant which he planned. It was a mistake to characterize such an instituiton as he produced as a Board of Home Missions project.

He also was at fault in applying the $900 remaining of the appropriation for the native work to the new purpose without referring such transference to the Boards. He certainly indicated no knowledge of the requirements of the Church Erection Board as to the title of institutions helped with respect to security and mortgage.

(2) The initial mistake was in placing a man of such lack of business ability and practical judgement in a position where he had free hand in the disposition of funds and conduct of affairs without supervision.

(3) If a building for the white work had been authorized and erected by the Board the money invested in the same would have been in the same position as that already invested, because of the fortune of Knik. Anchorage has supplanted Knik and the latter is doomed to shrink to a very small village. In a new community such as Alaska such occurrences are frequent.

(4) In considering the question of the $900 invested in Mr. Howard's building it should be remembered that Mr Howard stands to loose some $2500,or more,personally in addition to this amount, and that he asserts that it was his intention,if successful, to turn over the completed building,free of debt, to the Board.

Also,that the 26 acres with building partially completed stands as an asset of the Board.

Under all the conditions it would seem advisable to charge up this $900 as loss under the fluctuating conditions of the frontier. It certainly would work a great hardship on Mr Howard to be compelled to refund this money in addition to the loss already sustained.

(5) In view of all the circumstances I consider that it is not desirable that Mr Howard be retained in the Alaska work after the conclusion of his present year ending March 31st,1916.

He is not the man for work demanding initiative and independent judgement.

The passing of Knik leaves him with such a small field as does not warrant the expenditure by the Board of the salary which

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he is receiving. I have visited on this trip the stations which he includes in his itineration with the exception of Susitna,viz.,Hope and Sunrise, and find them very small communities. The removal of Mr McBride to Anchorage provides for this territory until growth along the line of the rail road requires additional men.

I would recommend that not later than the end of the present year he be notified that he would be released at the expiration of his present commission in order that he might have ample time to arrange for leaving. It might be mentioned in such notification that the three years term intimated,as I understand at the time he was sent to Alaska, as the term of his service in Alaska,terminates at above date. Also,that because of his present physical condition it is unwise for him to undertake the exertion and rigors of his field. And in addition the decadence of Knik and the incoming of Mr McBride changes conditions so that the Board is not warranted in retaining him.

In conclusion I might say that Mr McBride and I talked over the advisability of transferring him to Cordova and mentioned such a possibility to a prominent member of the Cordova church. The latter,who is conversant with the conditions at Knik, was very sure that he would not be able to fill the Cordova field. In this we concur and for similar reasons I do not thnik it advisable to introduce him to any Alaska work.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

(enclosure)

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October 1, 1915.

I.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
5612 - 10th Ave., N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

I have yours of September the eighteenth regarding the Rev. T. P. Howard. I am very, very sorry that it seems necessary that Mr. Howard's relation to our work in Alaska should close with March the thirty-first next. In the judgment of the Presbytery the Board, of course, concurs so far as it has any such right. Because of the changed methods of home mission administration inaugurated by the Chicago Assembly, we will look to Yukon Presbytery or its Home Mission Committee to notify Mr. Howard that his agreement will not be recommended to the Board for renewal.

In your letter you quote Mr. Howard as saying that I gave him 'carte-blanche' as to his administration of affairs at Knik. Of course, this statement was baseless. The only letter which I wrote to Mr. Howard at the time of his beginning the work in Alaska was dated August 14th, 1912, and there is not the remotest reference to any 'carte-blanche' in that letter. Thinking that perhaps he had confounded Dr. Thompson and myself, I have had Dr. Thompson's letters to him examined and would say that beyond words of confidence and encouragement there is no basis whatever for any such statement of Mr. Howard with regard to Dr. Thompson.

The property question will be taken up by Mr. Olin and you will hear from him in due season.

I would acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September the tenth from Seward, enclosing a report of the Home Mission Committee.

I have also yours of September the fourteenth from Cordova,

(over)

and thank you heartily for the interesting statement which you make concerning Anchorage. No one gives me a clearer or more satisfactory presentation of just such matters which must needs have consideration by the Board than yourself. I shall turn the pictures over to Mr. McAfee so that if it is possible for him to use them he may do so.

I know not whether you have heard that Mr. McAfee had to go to the hospital some two weeks ago and have an operation for appendicitis. It was successful and he is now slowly, but we are confident surely, recovering his health and strength.

Cordially yours,

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November 23,1915

Mr. H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

Replying to your favor of the 12th inst. I would say that I will take up the matter of permitting natives to build upon the Hoonah mission tract with Mr Good soon.

I am in hopes that the same form of lease which Judge Gunnison is preparing for the natives who are on our Haines tract my be made serviceable at Hoonah.

I will write you of this in due time.

With this letter I am enclosing two prints. The large building is the one constructed at Knik by Mr Howard. The house with the gable window is the new manse at Hydaburg which Mr Howe is building with his own labor. He is to be commended for his hard work along this line. He has done practically all the work himself including hauling the material up to the site of the building by hand. It will be a sightly and comfortable home,when completed.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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Index Knik, Alaska January 21, 1916

My dear Mr. Olin:-

I thank you for your letter of January 20th in regard to the "beautiful" business building at Knik. I am sure I do not know what the Board can do with the property but we will do our best. Possibly we might get someone to go out there and start a grocery store. Could the two Boards handle a project like this together?

I congratulate the Home Board on having such an independent and daring representative as Mr. Howard. Well, such things will happen and we must do our best.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

David G. Wylie

W/M

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Copy James N. Condit

August 30,1916

Rev. George R.Brauer, Treasurer,

Board of Church Erection,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

My dear Mr. Brauer:

In reply to your communication of the 28th of June of this year relative to the abandonment of the Knik building and asking that I look after your interests while in this part of Alaska during the summer, would say:

That the history of the Knik situation is too voluminous to take up at this time. Should you care to investigate the past history of the case I would refer you to my report to the Board of Home Missions relative thereto as reviewed last year. I think you will easily find the same by referring to Mr. Olin's files.

In brief the present situation is as follows:

The Board of Church Erection has no mortgage security on the building last erected at Knik and which was known as the mission building more recently. Whatever security is in possession of the Board was on the building which was partially completed on another site and afterwards abandoned, and which is of no value whatever.

One-half of the amount of the grant, amounting to $750 was nevertheless invested by Mr. Howard, missionary in charge, in this latter building.

At the present time, because of the desertion of the town of Knik, the later building erected is also of no value beyond that of the lg logs used in construction and these are not worth much. In other words there is no security of any value held by the Board. The lot on which the last building was erected was purchased by Mr. Howard on his own personal n note and that note not having been satisfied the ground reverts to the original owner. In my judgement the grant was unsecured even had values remained stable at Knik. As conditions now are there is nothing to recover.

Mr. Howard states his intention of replacing this money personally. He has nothing with which to do this and the sentiment of the Presbytery relative to such offer is indicated in resolutions, a copy of which I herewith enclose.

Very sincerely yours,

Extract from Minutes of Presbytery of Yukon, meeting at Anchorage, Alaska, August 26-28, 1916.

"Rev. T.P. Howard made a statement regarding the building at Knik with special reference to the claim of the Board of Church Erection of $750 on the same.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable resolution and the Stated Clerk was so appointed.
The following was submitted and approved by Presbytery:

Whereas the Rev. T.P. Howard has called attention to the situation at Knik,
Be it resolved-

(1) That we sympathize with Mr. Howard in the miscarriage of his plans due to the changing of the conditions of the community.
(2) That as presbyters we have at all times had full confidence in the good intent of Mr. Howard in his plans for Knik.
(3) That inasmuch as values at Knik have so depreciated that the building there is of little worth and inasmuch as Mr. Howard has offered personally to reimburse the Board of Church Erection although having already sustained serious loss personally, we feel that it would be unjust to accept any such farther sacrifice on his part and recommend that he be released from any farther obligation.

James H. Condit, committee.

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NEW YORK November 16th, 1916.

Knick, Alaska.

Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer,
Board of Home Missions,
Building.

My dear Mr. Olin:--

On August 30th, I received from Mr. Condit, General Missionary of Alaska, a report on the Knick building. He reports that the town is deserted the building of no value and that we have no security. He enclosed a copy of the action of the Presbytery taken August 26th, 1916 in which it is stated that the whole property was gone. The Presbytery made a request that we would not hold Mr. Howard for the whole grant. Our Board at its meeting to-day, canceled the insurance and had the mortgage written off our books. I believe you had a $750. interest in the matter and I would advise you to cancel the insurance if you are carrying any.

Yours sincerely,

G R Brauer

Treasurer.

GRB/EH.

Knik, Alaska

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Anchorage
August 30, 1916

Mr. H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:

In July I received the following communication from the Board of Church Erection:

> "Mr. Olin in writing me in regard to the Haines Church noted that you expected to be in Knick this summer and would attend to any matter in which we were interested while you were there. From what you state I infer that the Knik property may be abandoned. We would like you to know that we have a mortgage of $750 on the property, which is repayable to the Board upon the property being abandoned. Will you kindly bear this in mind and advise us as to the condition of the field there?
>
> Yours sincerely,
> (signed) G.R.Brauer,
> Treasurer."

I am herewith enclosing my reply, in copy, and also a copy of the resolution of Presbytery referred to in my letter.

Mr. Howard is back here and is about to remove from Knik to Anchorage. Whether this is a permanent arrangement, or not, I do not know. The property at ~~Knik~~ Knik is of no value and there is nothing of worth upon which to recover the Board's grants. In so far as I can see it must be charged up to "profit and loss", principally the latter. I went into the history of the case at length in my report of last year. There is nothing to add now. I have conferred with Mr. Howard but learn nothing new.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit.

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December 12th, 1916.

Knik, Alaska.

Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer,
Board of Home Missions,
Building,

My dear Mr. Olin:—

At the last meeting of the Board, the office was authorized to release the bond for mortgage for $750. given by your Board in connection with our grant for that amount to the church at Knik, Alaska, as it was understood that the tribe had left the place and there was little or nothing remaining of the building.

I am enclosing the mortgage and satisfaction and of course you will note that it will not be necessary to record this satisfaction as the instrument given us was not placed on record, the title having never been held by the Board of Home Missions.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Brauer,
Treasurer.

BM/EH.
2 Encls.

December 13th, 1916.

In re Knik, Alaska.

Rev. George R. Brauer, Treas.,
Board of Church Erection,
Building.

Dear Mr. Brauer:-

This will acknowledge your kind favor of the 12th instant with which you enclosed ~~for~~ Bond for Mortgage given by this Board to the Board of Church Erection, covering grant received in June 1914 towards the cost of erecting the chapel building at Knik, Alaska, together with Satisfaction of said mortgage, duly executed.

I am sorry that I led you to have the Satisfaction Piece made out, as the cancellation of the mortgage itself, not being recorded, would have been ample in this case. However, we will file your Satisfaction with this mortgage.

Thanking you for your promptness and courtesy in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

B/H